

HONORING JEFF HORNBECK

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Ranking Member Levin, to honor Jeff Hornbeck, Specialist in International Trade and Finance in the Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division of the Congressional Research Service (CRS). After a distinguished career of more than 32 years at the Library of Congress, 25 of which were at CRS serving Congress on international trade and economic policy issues, Jeff retired from government service on September 3.

Jeff developed a remarkable record of accomplishment during his years on the Hill. His authoritative, non-partisan, and objective expertise and analysis, as exemplified in his many reports, memoranda, and confidential consultative work for Members and congressional staff, have addressed just about every major international trade and economic policy issue before Congress. His institutional knowledge of U.S. trade policy and the policy-making process has been invaluable, especially to the Ways and Means Committee and its Members. His expertise on Trade Promotion Authority, for example, is well-known and will be missed as Congress works on legislation to renew TPA.

Jeff's deep institutional knowledge of U.S. trade policies and laws, the global trading system and architecture, a wide range of trade negotiations particularly with our trading partners in Central and South America, and the fundamental trends in the global economy have played a critical role in Congressional consideration of these issues. He has also provided intellectual leadership to the overall research agenda of the CRS Trade and Finance Section, ensuring that the CRS international trade and finance work was provided in an authoritative, objective, and bipartisan manner.

We congratulate and thank Jeff for his years of excellent service to Congress. We wish him the very best in his retirement.

HONORING PASTOR CLARENCE SEXTON

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

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Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Tennessean beloved by thousands of students and worshippers who look to him for spiritual guidance.

Pastor Clarence Sexton has lead Temple Baptist Church in Powell for 25 years.

When Pastor Sexton took over the church in 1988, the congregation consisted of a few hundred people.

Today, the church has grown to more than 6,000 worshippers, and Pastor Sexton's role has expanded to Crown Bible College, where he serves as President.

Pastor Sexton first found his calling to ministry in Blount County in my District, where he met his wife Mary Evelyn Rogers and first attended church at First Baptist Church of Mary-

ville. He also served as head pastor at Greenback Memorial Baptist Church.

In 1967, Pastor Sexton preached his first sermon on a radio broadcast. Decades later, he has lead Temple Baptist Church into the technological age, reaching thousands through audio, video, and the internet.

I have attended Temple Baptist Church many times, and Pastor Sexton is one of most caring men I have ever known. It would be impossible to count the many people he has touched with his kindness, compassion, and grace during his time at Temple Baptist.

I urge my colleagues to join me as I salute Pastor Clarence Sexton, and bring his service to the attention of my Colleagues and other readers of the Record. His calling as a pastor, friend, and leader will continue to inspire many more.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S (TAIWAN) TRADITIONAL NATIONAL DAY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor the traditional National Day of the Republic of China, upcoming on October 10, and the friendship that America has today with Taiwan.

What began with the Wuchang Uprising in 1911 has today become an outstanding example of a free market economy and democracy. Our modern, multi-faceted relationship with Taiwan, one of our largest trading partners, is built on trust and shared values.

As we look to the future, our economic association with Taiwan should be enhanced by additional mutually beneficial investment and trade agreements. Completing a bilateral investment agreement and adding Taiwan to fair trade arrangements should be a priority for the United States. On the issue of trade, I support agreements that strengthen labor, consumer and environmental rights as well as spur manufacturing expansion and income growth for workers and business owners.

Taiwan is and will always be an important element of America's internationally focused economy. As such, Taiwan should be included in multilateral organizations of critical importance to its well-being and should enjoy enhanced integration into the regional economy of east Asia.

I look forward to a deepened United States-Taiwan relationship in order to grow the middle class and achieve greater prosperity for both sides. I also hope we see a facilitation of visits to the U.S. by Taiwan officials and a continued strong cross-tourism relationship with Taiwan. We are very important to each other, that importance must be maintained going forward.

RECOGNIZING MS. STACY BURLISON AS THE AFA CHAPTER 398, 2013 HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Stacy Burlison as the Hurlburt Air Force Association (AFA) Chapter 398 High School Teacher of the Year for 2013. For the last four years, Ms. Burlison has been an inspiration to her students, her colleagues, and the Northwest Florida community. I am honored to recognize her success and achievements.

After graduating from the University of West Florida in 2009 with a degree in accounting, Ms. Burlison quickly recognized her true calling was to serve the youth of our community as an educator. Her passion for inspiring and molding young minds and making a difference in lives of her prospective students led her back to school to obtain a degree in education.

Throughout the past four years at Baker School in Baker, Florida, Ms. Burlison has dedicated her efforts to enlightening her students in the wonders of math and science. It is her hope to generate the excitement that will lead to her students' appreciation and interest in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. Ms. Burlison's application of new and creative learning opportunities integrates numerous STEM concepts, including the skills required to design, build, and program solutions to engineering challenges like those required to help robots navigate a model city.

Ms. Burlison constantly seeks innovative approaches and opportunities to better engage her students, including: the local Industry, Design, Engineering, and Students (IDEAS) Competition, the Can-struction competition where canned goods were used to construct an object and then donated to the local food banks and shelters, and participation in a robotics challenge competition. In fact, thanks to Ms. Burlison's instruction, encouragement, and novel teaching style, her students won the "Blood, Sweat, and Duct Tape Award" for their strong efforts in the Emerald Coast BEST Robotics Competition. Ms. Burlison also established a high school STEM club and Family STEM night.

Northwest Florida has been blessed with an abundance of exemplary educators like Ms. Burlison. She has demonstrated her commitment to the success of each of her young students through her leadership and passion, and her efforts have helped to ensure a strong educational foundation for them, our Nation's future leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Ms. Stacy Burlison as the Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 High School Teacher of the Year for 2013 and thank her for her commitment to service in Northwest Florida. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Ms. Burlison, and we wish her all the best for continued success.